When People Don't Respond

Social Story

I love talking with my friends and family. I love to ask them questions too, but sometimes, they might not respond to me.

I will stay calm though because there might be a good reason why they didn’t respond to me.

The person may not have heard me talking to them. Maybe I spoke too quietly. I could try talking again, but in a slightly louder voice. I shouldn't shout though. I just need to talk a little bit louder than I did the first time.

Maybe the person didn’t know I was talking to them. I should always make sure I have the person’s attention first before I talk to them.

To get their attention, I could tap on their shoulder or say their name. I should check that their body is facing toward mine first.

If they are looking at me, then they are likely paying attention to me and will be ready to listen to what I have to say.

Sometimes people might not respond to me as quick as I'd like. They might pause and be quiet. It might seem like they aren't going to respond.

I should wait a few more seconds to see if they will respond. They might still be trying to understand my question or they might be trying to think of something to say.

After waiting a bit, I can always ask, “Did you hear my question?” or “What do you think?” to check if they are still thinking about how to respond.

Sometimes I might need extra time to understand the question and think of something to say, so it’s nice to be patient and give others time to respond too.

I love when people answer my questions because it makes me feel happy. I know it’s okay to ask twice if I don’t get a response the first time. I just need to stay calm and ask again.